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The following extract from the First Annual Report of the Trustees of the Avon Place Home, gives very briefly the facts connected with the establishment of the Home: —

"On the 30th of May, 1874, the Home was established through the benevolence of Mr. James Huntington, who at that time was able to carry into effect a long-cherished plan by which the comforts of a Home could be furnished to destitute children. After a few months, it was Mr. Huntington's wish to give up the care of the Home, and it was therefore, in November, 1874, established as a Corporation under the laws of Massachusetts. The following persons were appointed by Mr. Huntington to act as Trustees: Rev. Dr. A. P. Peabody, Rev. D. O. Mears, Mr. B. F. Wyeth, Mrs. H. W. Paine, Mrs. Lovering, Mrs. J. M. Tyler, Mrs. W. T. Richardson, Mrs. Henry Thayer, and Miss Irene Sanger; and they received from him a deed of the estate occupied by the Home on Avon Place valued with the furniture at about $10,000.00."

THE AVON HOME

TRUSTEES FOR 1918-1919

Mrs. A. D. S. Bell
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett
Mrs. Sumner A. Brooks
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William M. Davis
Warren H. Dunning
Mrs. W. B. Durant
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Mrs. William A. Earle
Mrs. Norton Folsom
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John Noble
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Mrs. Mary C. Shaw
Mrs. George Sheffield
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3 Concord Avenue

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Admission and Discharge.—Miss Ellis, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Kershaw, Mrs. Bennett.

Clothing.—Miss Chamberlin, Mrs. Earle, Miss Palmer, Miss Piper, Mrs. Ward.

Repairs.—Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Sheffield, Prof. Davis.

Executive Committee.—Miss Ellis, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Stebbins.

Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1918-1919.

Dec.	1.	Mrs. Sheffield	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Durant
Jan.	1.	Miss Palmer	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Ward
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Brooks	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Bennett
March	1.	Miss Chamberlin	March	15.	Mrs. Ward
April	1.	Mrs. Sheffield	April	15.	Mrs. Shaw
May	1.	Mrs. Bell	May	15.	Mrs. Earle
June	1.	Mrs. Brooks	June	15.	Miss Piper
July	1.	Mrs. Stebbins	July	15.	Mrs. Durant
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Stebbins	Aug.	15.	Miss Ellis
Sept.	1.	Miss Palmer	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Earle
Oct.	1.	Miss Chamberlin	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Bennett
Nov.	1.	Mrs. Kershaw	Nov.	15.	Miss Piper

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Office on the second Friday in each month.

Physicians in Cambridge

W. D. Swan, M.D. ..... January, February, March
C. M. Hutchinson, M.D. ..... April, May, June
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F. W. Taylor, M.D. ..... October, November, December
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Frederick J. Goodridge, M.D. ..... For Orthopaedic Diseases

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF

THE AVON HOME

The great war—in which our country has become engaged—has, in the past year, made increasing demands and expense upon all child-helping societies. Our General Secretary and her office force have been kept very busy in investigating and attending to the many cases that have daily come to them. We feel that the year's work has been valuable in experience and rich in results. No worthy case has been denied the help sought.

Our friends by their sympathy and gifts have enabled us to meet all demands made upon us, and we close the year with a substantial balance. A few legacies have come to us which have been added to our permanent fund. The loss by fire to our Mount Auburn Street building has been adjusted and the net amount received ($1870.) has, for the present, been added to our permanent fund, our Trustees deeming it unwise to expend their money at the present time towards the restoration of the building.

We express our sincere thanks to physicians, oculists, dentists, and legal counsel for their kindly coöperation and help. Without the prompt and enthusiastic aid which our physicians have always so freely given us, our work could never reach real efficiency.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM W. DALLINGER,

President.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

GENERAL SECRETARY

FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1918

We have been unusually successful this year in making plans for many children to remain with their parents or proper relatives under supervision instead of taking them out of their own families and placing them in our boarding homes. This plan often means much more work and exacting care, but we believe it to be better for the morale of the entire family, when it can be successfully accomplished. We have cared for four hundred seventeen children in our boarding homes, one hundred eighty-four of whom were Avon Home children and two hundred thirty-three were the children whom we were able to place for the Country Week Committee.

The Trustees were called upon to help in supplying beds for the emergency hospital for the influenza patients opened at the Merrill School, and at once arranged for and sent to the school all the beds and bedding still left in our Home which could be of service. These were of great use to the hospital and we were glad to be able to provide them.

The results of the epidemic from which our country has suffered are being felt by us in many ways. Whole families of children have been brought to us; some have lost both parents, most have lost one, usually the mother. We have tried to form some wise plan for each child with the thought of their best future always in mind. Many babies have been left motherless. We have received them from three days old and are fortunate in having boarding-women who are specialists in the care of babies, but even that supply has been sorely taxed as has also been our supply of foster homes for children of every age, but the spirit shown by all our foster parents has been splendid. Every one is anxious to do all that is possible for these unfortunate little ones

and far from objecting, have offered to help to the limit of their capacity, however delicate or unattractive the children may be.

We have been thankful not to have had one case of influenza in all our many boarding homes. This seems the more surprising as our homes are in twenty-five cities and towns, many of which had a great number of cases. We feel this result must have been gained by the conscientious carrying out of the rules laid down by the Trustees—that each child must be kept clean, morally and physically, that he must lead a normal life, with plenty of good food and have fresh air day and night, that he must have time for work and play and many hours of sleep. No child is ever boarded in a tenement house or a congested district, and all have good yards in which to play.

The Cambridge children who suffered from infantile paralysis two years ago and whom by the kindness of Cambridge friends who have loaned their automobiles for this work we have been able to take to the clinics twice a week for treatment, are showing fine results. Many of these children are now able to walk, some are ready for apparatus which will help them to grow strong and straight. This apparatus is often very expensive and the parents are absolutely unable to pay for it, though they are eager to do all they can. Would it not be possible for some Cambridge parents who have strong, well children, who need no apparatus, to give the money needed to make one of these children well? We should be most grateful to receive such money and use it for the children who may otherwise always be crippled.

Our children are all anxious to help win the war. Many of our girls knit very well and they, as well as the boys, are showing a helpful spirit about the conservation of food, refusing sweets and sodas and trying not to waste a crumb. Every penny is treasured for war stamps and some of the older ones have more than one Liberty Bond button.

A family of four children was brought to us—the mother was very ill, the father dull and incompetent, the dirt and rags were incredible. The baby of two was brought to our office in a long heavy coat. The day was warm and the older sister was asked to remove baby's coat. She replied, "But she ain't got nothing else on," which was entirely true —nothing but dirt, a shirt and stockings, covering a thin body.

It has been necessary to clothe more or less fully, nearly every child we have taken this year and we have found underclothes, shoes, rubbers and stockings fearfully expensive and no kind sewing society can make these for us.

We have lost this year by marriage one of the most competent of our office force, who has been with us over six years, almost as long as we have had an office. This, with the other changes in our staff, has made the running of our work very difficult; nevertheless, we have tried to keep no emergency waiting, but to give each one prompt and thoughtful attention.

Last November, we moved our offices from the Harvard Trust Building, where we had been well cared for since we started our office life in December, 1910, but it had become necessary for us to have larger quarters and we found them in the Houghton House, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, where our large, sunny rooms, with plenty of light and air, have been an untold comfort and joy. A few people felt when we moved that we would be out of the center of things, but we find the truth is: we are far more in the center than ever before as we are now near both Harvard and Central Squares, nearly across the street from a post-office and accessible to more than twice as many places for lunch and shopping than ever before.

It is thought by many to be a bad year to appeal for money. But we know the habit of giving has grown with the great needs, and therefore we fully expect to receive not only from our old friends, but from many new ones, whose hearts were never so warm toward all children as now, and who realize that even the French and Belgium babies needing help so sorely, cannot need it more than those in Cambridge, of whom pathetic cases are coming to us every day.

The Avon Home is glad and eager to do your work for these children, and to make a plan for every destitute child in Cambridge, no matter of what nature the destitution, no matter of what creed or nationality the child may be. We must all realize that this conservation of the youth of our country is true war-work and greatly needed, and like all work must be done well if we are to have the best results.

Emma O. Stannard,
General Secretary.

Statistical Report

Number of children admitted to care of The Avon Home from Nov. 1, 1917 to Nov. 1, 1918		75
Number of children readmitted to care of The Avon Home from Nov. 1, 1917 to Nov. 1, 1918		19
Total number of admissions during the year		94
Number of Children		
In care of The Avon Home, Nov. 1, 1918		97
In Avon Home boarding homes	75	
In free homes	2	
In wage-earning homes	2	
For whom board is paid in own homes	3	
On trial for adoption	1	
Under observation at Mass. Hospital School	3	
Under observation at Mass. School for Feeble Minded	3	
Under observation at Monson State Hospital	2	
In Wrentham Feeble Minded School	1	
Under observation at Orchard Home School	1	
Under observation at Wellesley Convalescent Home	1	
In training at Robert Breck Brigham Hospital	1	
Mothers placed as wet nurse with baby	2	
		97
Number of children in care of The Avon Home, Nov. 1, 1917		90
Number of children admitted to the care of The Avon Home from Nov. 1, 1917 to Nov. 1, 1918		94
Total number of children in care of The Avon Home during year		184
Number of children discharged from care of The Avon Home during year		84
Number of babies cared for at Infants' Hospital during year		2
Number of infantile paralysis children looked after and taken to Hospital clinics for regular treatment		70
Number of families for whom application was made from Nov. 1, 1917 to Nov. 1, 1918		289
Number of children for whom application was made from Nov. 1, 1917 to Nov. 1, 1918		436
Number of families from whom children were admitted to care of The Avon Home during year		69
Number of families advised and planned with during year		147
Number of families referred to other societies during year		49
Number of applications withdrawn during year		14
Number of applications pending		10

Number of families on follow-up list Nov. 1, 1917		114
Number of families added to follow-up list during year		50
Number of families discharged from follow-up list during year		16
Number of families on follow-up list Nov. 1, 1918		148
Total number of children on follow-up list Nov. 1, 1918		420
Under two years of age	31	
Between two and fifteen years of age	297	
Over fifteen years of age	92	
		420
Number of boys	190	
Number of girls	230	
		420
Number of children discharged during the year and not supervised		50
Total number of follow-up visits made during year		550
Number of mothers and babies for whom convalescence has been provided during year:		
In Avon Home boarding homes		3
In Milton Convalescent Home		7
Number of girls over 14 years old for whom work has been secured during year		12
Number of boys over 14 years old for whom work has been secured		16
Number of women for whom work has been provided during year		30
Number of men for whom work has been provided during year		6

Dr. THE TREASURER *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1917, November 1.

Balance cash on hand from old account		$381 92
To cash from year ending October 31, 1918		
Annual gift from St John's Memorial Chapel	$52 94	
Avon Club Sale at 49 Linnaean St.	400 00	
Annual Contribution from Christ Church Sunday School	20 00	
Donation for a Special family	11 00	
Social Service Committee, First Parish Unitarian	10 00	
Cantabrigia Club	20 00	
First Parish Unitarian Sunday School	10 00	
Manufacturers' Committee of Cambridge	500 00	
Individual Donations	464 68	
Annual Subscriptions	502' 00	
May Sale	1,130 28	
Parents for Social Needs	228 71	
Board	6,610 51	
Rent Income on Real Estate 567-569 Mass. Ave.	1,129 63	
Interest Income	9,812 83	
		20,902 58
Mrs. J. B. Ames, Treasurer Country Week		1,690 79
Donation from Miss Marion M. T. Sands, in Memory of her father, Orin E. Sands		1,000 00
Legacy of Mrs. Esther W. Smith		5,000 00
Gift of The Avon Club		1,500 00
From Fire Insurance Companies, in adjustment of Loss at 309 Mt. Auburn Street		1,870 00
		$32,345 29

1918, November 1.

By cash paid:-		
Rent	$717 50	
Salaries	4,714 42	
Traveling	178 27	
Clothing	615 60	
Office Supplies	205 30	
Printing	189 25	
Postage	114 34	
Infants' Hospital	300 00	
Board	11,293 29	
Exchange and Maintenance of Automobile	828 62	
Insurance	11 50	
Liability Insurance	23 40	
Rent of Box in Harvard Trust Co.	25 00	
Expenses on Real Estate 567-569 Mass. Ave.	456 40	
Sundries	604 24	
		$20,277 13
Board of Country Week Children		1,690 79
Permanent Fund Committee		9,370 00
		$31,337 92
Held for Special Work		100 00
Balance to new account		907 37
		$32,345 29

MARY A. ELLIS. *Treasurer.*

CAMBRIDGE, November 7, 1918.

We the undersigned auditors, have audited the books of the Treasurer and have found them correct and the cash on hand correctly stated, viz., **$1007.37.**

CHARLES H. MONTAGUE,
G. A. RIVINIUS,
Auditors.

Gifts and Legacies Made to the Permanent Fund

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	$ 531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	10,000.00
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Legacy of William Torrey	100.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
Sale of farm at Concord, the gift of James Huntington	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf	4,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow	500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund	10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund	2,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00
In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	558.00

Legacy of James A. Woolson	3,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Helen Augusta Porter	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Ellen C. Goodwin	100.00
Donations from Morrill Wyman	1,200.00
Legacy of Alvin Hayes	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emmeline J. Smith	2,500.00
Legacy of Edward Gerrish	8,000.00
Jacob Remick Memorial Fund	16,895.03
Legacy of Andrew S. Waitt, in Memory of his wife, Mary E. (Belcher) Waitt	416.24
"In Memoriam, John H. Sturgis, November 27, 1900—September 10, 1909"	500.00
Legacy of Frederick K. Stelling	1,028.54
Legacy of Mrs. Sarah H. Swan	500.00
Legacy of William Taggard Piper	5,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Huntington Cooke	2,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mehitable C. C. Wilson	3,010.00
Legacy of Mrs. Annie Tilton	500.00
Legacy of Henry Endicott	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Sarah Hovey Colburn	1,000.00
Legacy of Morrill Wyman	10,000.00
Legacy of Miss Amelia M. Goodwin	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Esther F. Hannum	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Annie H. Montague	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Sarah D. Munroe	1,000.00
Legacy of James J. Myers	3,000.00
Phebe Snow Memorial Fund	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Abigail W. Howe	1,000.00
Legacy in part, of William E. Chamberlin	3,000.00
Orin E. Sands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Esther W. Smith	5,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary A. Bullock (estimated)	9,000.00
Avon Club Fund	1,500.00
Emergency Fund	$500.00

FORM FOR LEGACY

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

THE PERMANENT FUND

Corporation Shares (at par)	$17,300.00
Railroads Bonds (at par)	92,000.00
United States Bonds (at par)	4,750.00
Municipal Bonds (at par)	27,000.00
Real Estate Mortgages (at par)	12,200.00
Electric and Telephone Bonds (at par)	65,000.00
Deposits in Savings Banks	9,552.23
One half interest in Real Estate	12,000.00
Cash in Bank	594.91
	$240,397.14

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Amount of the Permanent Fund	$238,934.64	
The Reserve Fund	1,462.50	
		$240,397.14

Accounts audited and all securities examined and found to agree with the foregoing list, amounting to two hundred forty thousand three hundred ninety seven dollars and fourteen cents. All securities taken at their par value.

Attest: Chas. H. Montague, Auditor.

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Donations of money may be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss Mary A. Ellis, 20 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year Ending November 1, 1918

Donations of clothing of all kinds for children of all ages, beginning with infants, are earnestly solicited. Articles for children from *one* to *three* are especially needed. If donors would send with their gifts their full name and address, it would greatly assist the clerk in making out the list of donations. It sometimes happens that difficulty in getting the name causes errors and omissions in the list.

Gifts should be sent to Avon Home Office, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue.

Gifts of clothing, toys and Christmas gifts for the children are gratefully acknowledged from the following:

"The Basket Club"
Mrs. R. W. Beach
"The Bee"
Mrs. A. D. S. Bell
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Mrs. E. L. Bennett
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett
Mrs. Alexander Bill
Miss C. E. Bill
Mrs. H. L. Blackwell
Mrs. S. A. Brooks
Miss L. M. Chamberlin
J. W. Clark
Mrs. G. E. Close
Mrs. J. S. Cobb
Mrs. J. N. Cole
Mrs. C. B. Coleman
Miss Olive Cox
Miss Cutter
W. W. Dallinger
A. M. Davis Publishing Co.
Mrs. A. W. Dudley
Mrs. W. B. Durant
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Aldrich Durant
Mrs. W. A. Earle
Mrs. W. F. Earle
Miss Marie Elliott
Miss M. A. Ellis
Mrs. C. J. Enebuske
Mrs. J. N. Eustis
Mrs. H. C. Forbes
"Girls' Friendly Society," St. James' Church
Mrs. A. M. Goodale
Mrs. C. F. Goodridge
Mrs. F. J. Goodridge
Mrs. F. W. Hastings
Stephen Henri
"The Hive"
"Home Missionary Society," First Church, Congregational
Mrs. A. M. Howe
Miss Clara Howe
Mrs. J. S. Humphrey's
Immanuel Baptist Church
Immanuel Baptist Sunday School
Mrs. F. W. Jenkins
Mrs. A. O. Jones
Mrs. F. W. Jouett
Mrs. F. S. Kershaw
"Ladies' Benevolent Society," First Universalist Church
"Mothers' Friendly Club," First Church, Congregational
Mrs. C. A. Murray
Mrs. D. P. Myers
"No Name Club"
Mrs. J. R. Nichols
Mrs. Marian North
Miss Dora Page
Miss M. T. Palmer
Mrs. B. L. Parker
Miss C. E. Peabody
Miss E. B. Piper
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Mrs. W. A. Putnam
Mrs. H. W. Read
Mrs. Willard Reed
Mrs. Robertson
Mrs. E. H. Rogers
Mrs. H. A. Saunders

"The Sewing Club, Limited"
"The Sewing Society,"
First Baptist Church
Mrs. George Sheffield
Mrs. Livingston Stebbins
Miss Dora Stewart
Mrs. S. I. Stodder
Mrs. J. H. Sturgis
"Threadneedle Club"
Mrs. Samuel Usher
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Mrs. R. DeC. Ward
C. T. Weeks
Mrs. E. W. White
Mrs. J. H. Wright

Automobile Service

The Avon Home is indebted to the following for automobile service in transporting the Infantile Paralysis children to and from the Hospital clinics for their regular after-treatment.

Mrs. J. Q. Bennett
Mrs. E. P. Boggs
Miss Ruth Dallinger
Mrs. E. J. Dennen
Miss Anna Griswold
Mrs. F. L. Kennedy
Mrs. F. S. Kershaw
Miss Elizabeth MacFarlane
Mrs. N. C. Nash
Miss Madelyn Nash
Miss Mildred T. Palmer
Mrs. S. B. Whiting
Mrs. J. B. Williams
Mrs. E. R. Williams

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME

Article I.

Name.—The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its objects shall be to benefit "Children found destitute within the limits of the city of Cambridge, as existing in 1874."

Article II.

Membership.—The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers.—The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisors, to con-

sist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings.—The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Friday in November, at such place and hour as the President and Clerk may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal.—The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874." and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments.—These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II, may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME

I. Children admitted to the care of the Home shall live in private families under the supervision of the General Secretary.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the care of the Home without the consent of one member of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be one member in the city, of any two Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each case, accompanied by a brief statement of the cirumstances, shall be reported to the Trustees at their next regular meeting.

III. No child in the care of the Home shall be allowed to visit friends or relatives unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission, and the General Secretary, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

IV. In case of death, no child shall be taken from its boarding home for burial without a religious service being held there, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reason for removal.

V. The parents and relatives of the children shall be permitted to visit them not oftener than once a week, never more than two at a time, and never on Sunday except by special arrangement made by the General Secretary with the boarding woman.

VI. The General Secretary shall investigate thoroughly, in coöperation with the Committee on Admission, all applications for the admission of children to the care of the Home, and make prompt report thereon to the chairman, or in her absence to some other member, of the committee.

She shall also maintain relations with parents while their children are in the care of the Home, with the object of aiding to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that led to the admission of the children; and continue in relation with children and their parents or other relatives after the

withdrawal of the children from the care of the Home, with a view to preserving the good influences which it is hoped the Home will have exerted on those under its care.

It shall further be the duty of the General Secretary to investigate families where children may be boarded, and to visit children who are placed in private families, to continue in relation with rejected applicants, with the object of aiding them to improve the conditions which led to application; to meet with the Committee on Admission and Discharge; and to make a report in writing at each monthly meeting of the Trustees.

VII. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the homes one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the boarding homes with the General Secretary and to advise with her regarding special cases.

VIII. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows:—

1. A Committee on Admission and Discharge, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained. This Committee shall, with the General Secretary, secure suitable homes for all children needing adoption. This Committee shall consist of eight members, two members retiring and two new members being appointed annually at the discretion of the President.

2. A Committee on Clothing, who shall see that necessary supplies are secured, wherever possible, through friends. Gifts of clothing should be sent to The Avon Home Office, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue.

3. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dolars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

4. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the

powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

5. The chairman of each Committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the Committee for the preceding year.

6. The President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all standing committees.

IX. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

X. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of The Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and at such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Harvard Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of said Committee.